from the Govt. of Punjab are pending as on date.

(c) These representations are under active consideration of the Govt. and are likely to be decided very soon.

Bomb blast in Calcutta

4230. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a powerful bomb stripped through a multi storeyed building on 17th March, 1993 killing several people and injuring unspecified number at Bow Bazar in Calcutta;

(b) if so, whether after the Bombay blasts the terrorists are now aiming to create panic in other cities;

(c) if so, whether Government have since contemplated any steps in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (d) On 16th March, 1993, around midnight a big explosing occurred at shop-cum-residential premises at 266 and 267 Bowbazar Street at Calcutta. One three storeyed and one two storeyed buildings were demolished in this explosion, resulting to the death of 62 persons and injuries to 92 persons.

With a view to prevent recurrence of similar terrorist activities in other parts of the country, the Central Government have alerted all State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and Central Agencies and advised them to maintain maximum vigil and step up security and take all necessary measures in this regard. Every possible assistance is also being extended.

Harbourers of militants in the Kashmir Valley

4231. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of harbourers of militants were arrested in the Kashmir Valley in the recent past;

(b) if so, what are the details of such harbourers arrested during the last two years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that security forces have also questioned a number of suspected harbourers of militants in the Valley to trackdown the militants;

(d) if so, how many of such suspects were questioned during the last one year with results thereof; and

(e) what action Government has taken or propose to take to persuade the people in Kashmir Valley not to harbour the militants in national interest?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

अयोध्या में दर्शन की अनुमति दिए जाने के संबंध में फैजाबाद जिला प्रशासन का निर्णय

4232. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 28 दिसम्बर, 1992 के "दि ऑब्जर्वर" में "फैजाबाद डिस्ट्रिक्ज एडमिनिस्ट्रेशन डिसाइड्स टू एलाऊ दर्शन" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि प्रशासन ने 8 दिसम्बर, 1992 को इस क्षेत्र